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SUBJECT: GENSCHER ASSESSMENT OF SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTER

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1. FM GENSCHER'S ASSESSMENT OF SWEDISH FM ANDERSSON IS NOT FAR OFF THE MARK. EXCEPT FOR ONE FALL FROM GRACE ON JANUARY 27, 1975 AND EXCESSIVE SOLICITOUSNESS TOWARDS THE VIEWS OF HIS PARTY'S FAR LEFT, FM ANDERSSON APPEARS GENUINELY PLEASED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT IN U.S. - SWEDISH RELATIONS. ON MATTERS INDO-CHINESE AND MIDDLE EAST, THE INFORMATION HE SHARED WITH ME SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, RELIABLE AND, IN THE CASE OF INDO-CHINA, HAS BEEN BORNE OUT BY EVENTS.

2. HAVING SERVED FOR SEVERAL YEARS AS MINISTER OF DEFENSE, ANDERSSON IS AS WELL AWARE AS ANY SWEDE OF THE DEPENDENCE OF SWEDEN'S DEFENSE ON A STRONG WESTERN ALLIANCE AND, ABOVE ALL, THE AMERICAN COMMITMENT TO

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THE DEFENSE OF EUROPE. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT HE

RECOGNIZES AS CLEARLY AS DOES PM PALME THE OVER-
RIDING NEED FOR GOOD RELATIONS WITH US AND THE WEST IN
GENERAL. HIS PERCEIVED TILT TOWARDS US HAS INCURRED THE
WRATH OF THE SWEDISH LEFT. THUS, GENSCHER'S COMPARISON
OF ANDERSSON'S BASIC POSITION" WITH "THAT OF
SOME NATO PARTNERS" STRIKES ME AS QUITE FELICITOUS,
THOUGH NOT NECESSARILY AS A COMMENDATION OF THE STATE
OF NATO. THIS IS NOT TO SAY THAT, IN THE FUTURE,
ANDERSSON AND HIS COLLEAGUES CAN ALWAYS BE RELIED UPON
TO REFRAIN FROM PASSING LOFTY MORAL JUDGEMENTS ON U.S.
CONDUCT. IN THE MEANWHILE, ANDERSSON IS WORTH
CULTIVATING BY OUR STATEMAN. HE AND I ARE CULTIVATING ONE
ANOTHER RECIPROCALLY.
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